**Sessions of Parliament**

3708. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sessions and also the number of sittings during each session that the Parliament held during each of the last three years and the current year and how do they compare to those held in 1957, 1967 and 1977; and

(b) whether there had been a decline in the total yearly sittings and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The number of sessions and the sittings of each Session of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha held during the last three years and the current year and those held in the year 1957, 1967 and 1977 are as under:

| | Lok Sabha | | Rajya Sabha | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Session | Total number of sittings | Session | Total number of sittings |
| 1957 . . . . | 4 | 106 | 4 | 77 |
| 1967 . . . . | 3 | 110 | 4 | 91 |
| 1977 . . . . | 3 | 86 | 5 | 70 |
| 1984 . . . . | 2@ | 77 | 3@ | 63 |
| 1985 . . . . | 4 | 109 | 5 | 89 |
| 1986 . . . . | 3 | 98 | 4 | 86 |
| 1987 . . . . | 3 | 102* | 4 | 92* |

@No Winter Session of Parliament was held in the year 1984.

*Figures for Winter Session of 1987 are provisional.

It will thus be observed that the annual sittings of Rajya Sabha held during the last four years and those held in the years 1957, 1967, and 1977 compare favourably. The corresponding figures of Lok Sabha however indicate slight decrease in the number of sittings in the last two years.

**Housing estimates during seventh Five Year Plan**

3709 SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for preparation of the Seventh Plan document and for the Housing estimates. 1971 census figures were taken into consideration while the latest figures of 1981 were available; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the 1971 basis, estimated requirement of housing for rural landless labour was 145 lakhs units by 1985, while on 1981 basis the National Building Organisation estimates for the same, are 199 lakhs units;